

1983 State Championship Field Hockey Team



Front Row (L to R): Melanie Eckerstrom, Cindy Christy, Laura Skakandy, Lily van Riemsdijk

Middle Row (L to R): Phyllis Petrochko, Meg Barber, Colleen Donahue, Stacey Wessel, Theresa Lambert, Karen Donofrio, Chris Eisenmann

Back Row (L to R): Sandy Weed, Donna Berger, Bonnie Campbell, Doreen Novi, Coach Hudock, Elena Stabile, Sarah Todd, Patty Young

The 1983 State Championship field hockey team completed their season with a final record of 20-1-2. The team was led by Coach Barbara Hudock and assistant coach Mary Ann Zwirko.

The team outscored their opponents 55 - 6, outshot their opponents 213-104, earned 256 penalty corners while conceding only 145. Additionally, they tallied 51 long corners and gave up only 25. They scored three times on corners and did not concede a goal when defending one. They tallied 1066 fouls over the 23 games while their opponents tallied 1264.

Their only loss came in the 5th game of the season to Voorhees by a score of 1-0. The Raiders went on to beat Voorhees twice later in the season by a score of 1-0 on Nov 9 and 2-0 on Nov 12.

Aside from their state championship, the team also took home the Somerset County Championship by defeating Watchung Hills by a score of 2-0. The Raiders were the second seed in the tournament behind Watchung Hills but never gave up a goal over the three games, beating Franklin 5-0, Ridge, 2-0 and then Watchung Hills 2-0.

In the state tournament, they beat Ewing 2-0, Ocean 3-2, Voorhees 2-0, Triton 2-1 and played Montville to a scoreless tie to take home the Group 3 State Championship trophy. This team is the first and still only state championship field hockey team in the school's history.

The Hall of Fame Committee is proud to induct the 1983 State Championship Field Hockey team into the 2015 Class of the HHS Hall of Fame.